

THE SAUERKRAUT PEDDLER.

A Character Common to the German Section of New York.

The regular and popular visitor to the German inns and taverns of the east side is the sauerkraut man. He brings his calling with him from the old country and finds a more profitable field in New York than in Berlin or Hamburg. His equipment is quite curious. He wears a blue or white apron running from his neck nearly to the ankles, and from his shoulders is suspended a circular metal box which goes half around his waist. It has three large compartments, two of which are surrounded by hot water. In one are well cooked frankfurter sausages and in the other thoroughly boiled sauerkraut. In the third compartment is potato salad. He carries in his hand a basket in which are small plates and steel forks. One sausage and a generous spoonful of sauerkraut and potato salad cost 5 cents. All three articles are of good quality, well cooked and seasoned. He finds his best customers in the bowling alleys, where the exertion demanded by the game produces large appetites. Next to these are the taverns which do not supply food with their drink. Last of all are the halls and meeting rooms where different societies assemble. His nightly stock consists of fifty sausages, seven pounds of sauerkraut and as much more of salad. On bad evenings he takes only half as much stock as on fair ones. Some of the more fortunate peddlers have arrangements with clubs which pay them a very fair profit upon their goods. Others are free lances who visit every place where they think they can effect a sale.

The metal boxes are very ingenious and are made in Germany. The metal is some variety of pewter, and the fitting of the compartments and of the entire affair to the body is very accurate. The covers are so well hinged and snug at the edges that when the owner falls down he is not liable to spill any of the contents. The contrivance costs some \$3 in Germany, and about \$5 in New York. A few of the peddlers appeal to educated palates and carry with them cervelat, bock, reh, leberwurst and vienna, as well as frankfurters. These fancy sausages usually bring 10 cents instead of the regulation 5.

The forks are washed after the customer has finished his little meal, and from repeated cleansing and use are as bright as silver. The plates, on the other hand, are so banged and bruised that they might be easily mistaken for crackle wear.

The Wrath of the Bee.

At the end of winter most hives have exhausted their stores and become dangerous. When this is the case, woe to him who touches the hives. Smoke has lost its spell, and you shall scarce have emitted the first puffs before 20,000 acrid and enraged demons will dart from within the walls, overwhelm your hands, blind your eyes and blacken your face. No living being except, they say, the bear and the sphinx atropos, can resist the rage of the mailed legions. Above all, do not struggle. The fury would overtake the neighboring colonies. There is no means of safety other than instant flight through the bushes. The bee is less rancorous, less implacable, than was and rarely pursues her enemy. If flight be impossible, absolute immobility alone might calm her or put her off the scent. She fears and attacks any too sudden movement, but at once forgives that which no longer stirs.

A Safe Age.

The insuring of one's life is one of those things which one is most apt to put off. There are few, however, who postpone what ought to be the inevitable until so late a period in life as did the tough old smack owner of Grimsby. When he presented himself at the insurance office, he was naturally asked his age. His reply was, "Ninety-four." "Why, my good man, we cannot insure you," said the company. "Why not?" he demanded. "Why, you are ninety-four years of age." "What of that?" the old man cried. "Look at statistics, and they will tell you that fewer men die at ninety-four than at any other age."—London Business Illustrated.

Their Branch of Service.

"To what branch of the military service do captains of industry belong?" asked the recognized yet surviving joker of the party.

"I give it up," replied his victim wearily.

"To the artillery, because they're all 'big guns.' See? Ha, ha, ho, ho!"

Cool Trees.

It is not shade alone that makes it cooler under a tree in the summer. The coolness of the tree itself helps, for its temperature is about 45 degrees F. at all times, as that of the human body is a fraction more than 98 degrees. So a clump of trees cools the air as a piece of ice cools the water in a pitcher.

Rasping.

Barber—How's the razor, sir?
Customer—Didn't know I was being shaved.
Barber (flattered)—Very glad, I'm sure, sir.
Customer—I thought I was being sandpapered.

From a Cynic's Dictionary.

Crank—A person whose views are the opposite of our own.

Egotist—A person who thinks as much of himself as other people do of themselves.

Honor—That which people talk about when they want to get out of doing something they don't want to do.

Society—That which we lay the blame on when anything goes wrong.—John Elliot in Lippincott's.

Pure Blooded.

Mrs. Bondelipper—Doctor, what do you think is the matter with me?

Doctor—I am inclined to think that your blood is not pure. I'll have to give you something to purify your blood.

Mrs. Bondelipper (haughtily)—You are probably not aware that I belong to a good old Norman family.—London Tit-Bits.

Didn't Blame His Wife.

Wife—You don't seem to enjoy the dinner, dear. What's the matter?

Husband—I was wondering if there weren't some typographical errors in that cookbook of yours.

It Was His "Hello."

"You can't marry my daughter, young man; she is already spoken for."

"That's all right; I'm the fellow who telephoned you."

An Exception.

Jinks—Most things that are bought go to the buyer.

Jenks—Yes, all except coal; that goes to the cellar.—Kansas City Independent.

Reciprocity.

Suburbanite—Well, you have told my fortune. How much?

Gypsy—Only 50 cents.

Suburbanite—Here it is. Now I'll tell your fortune for nothing. If any of my chickens are missing tomorrow morning, I'll have your entire gang run in.

Soothed to Slumber.

"What de reason Br'er Williams shet his eye w'en de collection basket gwine round?"

"He say de singin' do him so much good dat he 'bleege ter fall asleep en dream er heaven!"

Mother's Serious Ailment.

Doctor (to towheaded urchin)—How is your mother, Tommy?

Tommy—Oh, if you please, sir, she's getting very romantic in her right knee, she says.

A Case of Doubt.

First Office Boy—Does der boss seem ter like yer?

Second Office Boy—Well, either that or he don't know how to swear.

The Reward of Kindness.

A kind hearted man in New Zealand had a sudden shock a little time ago. He was standing on a railway platform giving apples to a circus elephant caged in a cattle truck as the circus was on the move. The train started, and the elephant, not to lose the last apples in the basket, promptly seized the man in his trunk and carried him along with the train. The train had to be stopped and the kind hearted man rescued from the trunk of the traveling elephant.

Barred Out.

"He seems to be no longer in your set?"

"Hawdly," replied Cholly. "He's such deuced bad fawm, y'know."

"How is that?"

"Why, when the fellah bets on a hawse wace he sometimes wins, y'know, instead of losing like a gentleman."

A Cheery Pair.

"Do you remember," said Mrs. Grumps, "when you asked me to marry you?"

"Yes," said Mr. Grumps.

"And I said 'Yes?'"

"I remember it. We both always did talk too much."

Cemetery Monuments.

What is more sadly comic or incongruous than the imposing medley of stone and marble in a great cemetery? The towering columns loom over the resting places of such small citizens. The "dove of peace" alights where it would never have brooded of its free will. The guardian angel bends over the vixen's tomb, while mediocre bits of slate denote the graves of many saintly and gifted pilgrims.

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